

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a rigid frame, wherein the rigid frame comprises at least one substantially planar surface;

a substrate having a first surface and a second surface, wherein

the second surface of the substrate is substantially opposite the first surface of the substrate, wherein

the first surface of the substrate comprises a first plurality of fasteners,

the first plurality of fasteners is of one type of a plurality of types of hook and loop mechanisms, and

the second surface of the substrate is coupled to the substantially planar surface of the rigid frame; and

a cable fastener comprising a second plurality of fasteners, wherein

the second plurality of fasteners is of ~~[[the]]~~ one type of the plurality of types of hook and loop mechanisms, ~~[[that]]~~

the second plurality of fasteners covers at least all of one side of the cable fastener, ~~wherein~~

the second plurality of fasteners is configured to engage the first plurality of fasteners,

the cable fastener is completely detachable from the substrate, ~~[[and]]~~

the second plurality of fasteners is configured not to engage any portion of the cable fastener,

~~wherein~~ the cable fastener is ~~further~~ shaped to ~~define~~: be capable of defining a variable-width opening,

the cable fastener is shaped to define an elongated body having a predetermined width,

the cable fastener is shaped to define a head portion at one end of the body,

the head portion ~~has~~ having a width greater than the predetermined width ~~and having a size substantially similar to a size of the variable-width opening, and~~

the head portion defining defines an opening through which the elongated body of the cable fastener can ~~[[may]]~~ pass.

2. (Currently amended) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the first plurality of fasteners comprises ~~plurality of hook and loop mechanisms includes~~ one or more mushroom-shaped stems.

3. (Currently amended) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the first plurality of fasteners comprises ~~plurality of hook and loop mechanisms includes~~ one or more pine-tree-shaped stems.

4. (Currently amended) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the first plurality of fasteners comprises ~~plurality of hook and loop mechanisms includes~~ one or more hooks.

5. (Currently amended) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the first plurality of fasteners comprises ~~plurality of hook and loop mechanisms includes~~ one or more loops.

6. (Currently amended) The apparatus recited in Claim 1, wherein the cable fastener can ~~[[may]]~~ be releasably coupled to any location on the substrate.

7-10. (Canceled)

11. **(Currently amended)** A method of managing cable, comprising:

supporting one or more cables with a cable fastener, wherein

the cable fastener ~~is being~~ shaped to be capable of defining a variable-width opening, ~~wherein~~

the cable fastener comprises a strap on which are mounted a first plurality of one type of hook and loop mechanisms, ~~that~~

the first plurality of hook and loop mechanisms covers at least all of one side of the cable fastener, and

the first plurality of hook and loop mechanisms is configured not to engage any portion of the cable fastener;

releasably engaging the cable fastener to a substrate, wherein

the cable fastener is completely detachable from the substrate, and

the substrate comprises a second plurality of ~~another~~ a second type of hook and loop mechanisms; and

providing a rigid frame, wherein

the rigid frame is configured to ~~capable of~~ accommodate ~~[[ing]]~~ a plurality of fiber cables, ~~wherein~~

the rigid frame comprises at least one substantially planar surface, and

the substrate is coupled to the substantially planar surface of the rigid frame.

12. **(Currently amended)** The method recited in Claim 11, wherein the first plurality of hook and loop mechanisms ~~includes~~ comprises one or more mushroom-shaped stems.

13. **(Currently amended)** The method recited in Claim 11, wherein the first plurality of hook and loop mechanisms ~~includes~~ comprises one or more pine-tree-shaped stems.

14. **(Currently amended)** The method recited in Claim 11, wherein the first plurality of hook and loop mechanisms ~~includes~~ comprises one or more hooks.

15. (Currently amended) The method recited in Claim 11, wherein the first plurality of hook and loop mechanisms ~~includes~~ comprises one or more loops.

16. (Currently amended) The method recited in Claim 11, wherein the cable fastener ~~[[may]]~~ can be releasably engaged to any location on the substrate.

17-19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently amended) The method recited in Claim 11, wherein:

the cable fastener is ~~further~~ shaped to define~~[[:]]~~ an elongated body having a predetermined width; ~~[[and]]~~

the cable fastener is shaped to define a head portion at one end of the body; ~~[[,]]~~

the head portion has ~~having~~ a width greater than the predetermined width;

the head portion defining defines an opening through which the elongated body of the cable fastener can ~~[[may]]~~ pass; and

the head portion has ~~having~~ a size substantially similar to a size of the opening through which the elongated body of the cable fastener can pass.

21. (Previously presented) The method recited in Claim 11, wherein the one or more cables comprise one or more fiber optic cables.

22. (Previously presented) The method recited in Claim 11, wherein the one or more cables comprise one or more electrical cables.

23. (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

[[a]] means for supporting one or more cables, wherein

the means for supporting ~~one or more cables includes~~ comprises a cable fastener, and

the cable fastener is shaped to define a variable-width opening;

[[a]] means for releasably engaging the cable fastener to a substrate, wherein

the means for releasably engaging [[that]] covers at least all of one side of the cable fastener, ~~wherein~~

the cable fastener is completely detachable from the substrate,

[[said]] the means for releasably engaging ~~includes~~ comprises at least one engaging element selected from the group consisting of ~~one or more a~~ mushroom-shaped stem[[s]], ~~one or more a~~ pine-tree-shaped stem[[s]], ~~one or more a~~ hook[[s]], and ~~one or more a~~ loop[[s; and]], and

[[said]] the means for releasably engaging ~~the cable fastener to a substrate~~ is configured not to ~~releasably~~ engage ~~with~~ any portion of the cable fastener; and

~~a cable routing apparatus comprising~~ a rigid frame [[and]] wherein

the rigid frame is configured to releasably engage with the means for releasably engaging, ~~the cable fastener, wherein~~

the rigid frame comprises at least one substantially planar surface, and

the substrate is coupled to the substantially planar surface of the rigid frame.

24-30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently amended) The apparatus recited in Claim 23, wherein the cable fastener ~~further~~ comprises:

[[a]] means for encircling the one or more cables such that each of the one or more cables is squeezed into contact with at least one other of the one or more cables.

32. (Original) The apparatus recited in Claim 23, wherein the one or more cables comprise one or more fiber optic cables.

33. (Original) The apparatus recited in Claim 23, wherein the one or more cables comprise one or more electrical cables.

34. (Currently amended) An apparatus for managing cable, comprising:

~~a cable routing apparatus comprising~~ a rigid frame, wherein

the rigid frame is configured to ~~enable~~ accommodate ~~[[ing]]~~ a plurality of cables, and

the rigid frame has ~~having~~ at least one planar surface;

a planar substrate having a first surface and a second surface, wherein

the second surface of the substrate is being substantially opposite the first surface of the substrate,

the first surface of the substrate comprises [[ing]] a plurality of engagement mechanisms, and

the second surface of the substrate is being coupled to the planar surface of the rigid frame; and

a tie wrap comprising loops, wherein

the loops are configured to ~~enable~~ engage with ~~[[ing]]~~ the engagement mechanisms of the substrate,

the loops that cover~~[[s]]~~ at least all of one side of the tie wrap, ~~wherein~~

the tie wrap is completely detachable from the substrate, ~~[[and]]~~

the tie wrap can be ~~is capable of being~~ releasably engaged to the substrate by ~~means of~~ a hook and loop connection, ~~wherein~~

the loops are configured not to engage any portion of the tie wrap, ~~and wherein~~

the tie wrap is shaped to define~~[[;]]~~ an elongated body having a predetermined width~~, [[; and]]~~

the tie wrap is shaped to define a head portion at one end of the elongated body, the head portion ~~has~~ having a width greater than the predetermined width, ~~[[and]]~~

the head portion defining defines an opening through which the elongated body of the tie wrap can ~~[[may]]~~ pass ~~and the head portion having a size substantially similar to a size of the opening.~~

35. (Currently amended) The apparatus recited in Claim 34, wherein the ~~hooks~~ engagement mechanisms are mushroom-shaped stems.

36. (Original) The apparatus recited in Claim 34, wherein the plurality of cables comprises a plurality of fiber optic cables.

37. (Original) The apparatus recited in Claim 34, wherein the plurality of cables comprises one or more metal cables.

38. (Canceled)